




LET'S GET READY TO LEARN!

WE OFFER A GREAT START FOR ALL KINDERGARTEN KIDS





GET READY,
SET, GO
FOR A GREAT
SCHOOL YEAR!

WELCOME TO THE GRANDE YELLOWHEAD PUBLIC SCHOOL DIVISION!

Beginning Kindergarten is an exciting milestone for your child and your family. It is a time of exploration and growth. At Grande Yellowhead, we are excited to offer **FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN FIVE DAYS A WEEK** so your child can find delight in learning and building even stronger connections to friends and teachers.

WE ALSO WANT YOU TO BE A STRONG
PARTNER WITH US IN THEIR EDUCATION
— ENSURING YOUR CHILD'S SUCCESS!

We are proud that you have chosen one of our schools to start your child's educational journey and we know that there is a lot of information that you want to know about.





Grande Yellowhead Public School Division covers a large geographical area ~ from Jasper National Park, east to Evansburg, south of Cadomin and northwest beyond the Town of Grande Cache. We have 18 schools, five Learning Connection Centres and enrolment of almost 5000 students.

WE EMPLOY OVER 600 STAFF MEMBERS AND CONTRACTORS WHO ARE DEDICATED TO INSPIRING EACH CHILD TO BE FULLY ENGAGED IN THEIR LEARNING – FROM KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 12.

OUR SCHOOLS OFFER A
WARM, SAFE AND CARING ENVIRONMENT
TO WELCOME YOUR CHILD TO THE
WONDERFUL NEW WORLD OF
DISCOVERY AND LEARNING.

Our Kindergarten program is designed to help prepare children for Grade 1 — providing them with an introduction to teachers, classroom routines and student expectations.

It also encourages children to play and learn through a variety of experiential education opportunities to support their emotional, social, physical, intellectual and creative development.

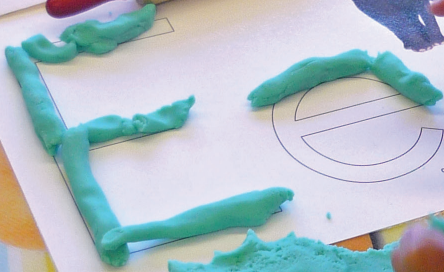
DURING THEIR FIRST YEAR OF SCHOOLING, OUR TEACHERS FOCUS ON THE FOLLOWING LEARNING SKILLS:

- EARLY LITERACY & NUMERACY
- CITIZENSHIP
- AWARENESS OF ENVIRONMENT & COMMUNITY
- PERSONAL & SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY
- PHYSICAL CO-ORDINATION & WELL-BEING
- CREATIVE EXPRESSION



We encourage you to visit Alberta Education's website to learn more about the Kindergarten curriculum at www.education.alberta.ca/parents/ecs.aspx

ALL SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR
KINDERGARTEN ARE PROVIDED AT NO COST.



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EXTRA Large Floor Mats
48 Tiles Each
Number Pieces
2 x 3 Feet!



TO ENROL YOUR CHILD
IN KINDERGARTEN FOR THE
UPCOMING SCHOOL YEAR, HE/
SHE MUST BE 5 YEARS OLD BY
DECEMBER 31ST OF THIS YEAR.



*Please bring their birth
certificate when registering.*

Our Kindergarten program establishes the foundation for your child's life-long educational journey. He/ she will be guided by our qualified and caring professionals who provide a variety of services and supports to meet your child's unique needs.



At Grande Yellowhead, we offer flexible learning environments that are designed to stimulate students' curiosity, encourage exploration and build strong self-confidence & global citizenship skills in our students.

GYPSD OFFERS FIVE DAY FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN

WHAT IS FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN?

Full-day Kindergarten is designed to build a strong learning foundation in an environment that supports learning through building relationships, imagination, play, exploration and inquiry.

WHY FULL DAYS?

In today's complex world, education is more important than ever for our children. Full-day Kindergarten is designed to give your child a stronger start in school and in life.



*Our schools are **'allergy aware'**. If your child has specific food concerns, please tell your child's Principal and Kindergarten teacher so we can ensure a safe and healthy environment for them.*

A young girl with brown hair is the central focus, wearing a white lab coat over a black t-shirt with a colorful graphic. She is also wearing large, bright pink safety goggles. She has a slight smile and is looking directly at the camera. She is sitting at a table with a sand tray in front of her. The background shows a classroom setting with a green bulletin board, a red chair, and a white cabinet. The text "FULL-TIME, FUN TIME" is overlaid on the bottom half of the image in a stylized, outlined font.

**FULL-TIME,
FUN TIME**



ALONG WITH ENGLISH PROGRAMMING,
WE OFFER **FRENCH IMMERSION** STARTING IN
KINDERGARTEN WITH THE MAJORITY OF THE CORE
CURRICULUM TAUGHT IN FRENCH.

French Immersion is available at the
following elementary schools:

ÉCOLE WESTHAVEN SCHOOL, EDSON (K-5)

ÉCOLE MOUNTAIN VIEW SCHOOL, HINTON (K-7)

JASPER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, JASPER (K-6)

**WHAT IF I WANT TO REGISTER MY CHILD IN A FRENCH
IMMERSION PROGRAM BUT DON'T SPEAK FRENCH?**

No worries! Parents do not need to speak
French to support children at home
with reading & homework ~ in fact, the
majority of our students come from
English-speaking homes.



REMEMBER TO CONTACT YOUR
SCHOOL OF CHOICE
TO FIND OUT SCHOOL START
AND FINISH TIMES.

In the Town of Grande Cache, we are also pleased to offer a SONRISE ALTERNATIVE CHRISTIAN PROGRAM for students in Kindergarten to Grade 6.

The SONRISE CHRISTIAN PROGRAM provides a Christ-centered, biblically directed education while following the Alberta Program of Studies.



GRANDE YELLOWHEAD BELIEVES IN SUPPORTING
EVERY CHILD TO REACH HIS/HER FULL POTENTIAL.

WE BELIEVE THAT *ALL KIDS ARE OUR KIDS*
AND WE WANT TO HAVE *SUCCESS FOR ALL.*

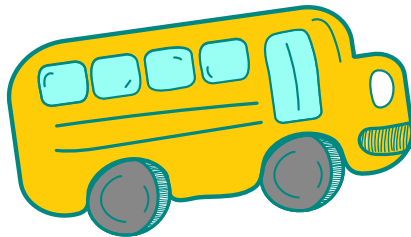
To ensure all children are ready to learn and have a strong start in school, our division's school linked team consisting of speech-language pathologists, occupational therapists, a technology lead teacher, an early learning and literacy lead teacher, and an emotional/behavioral consultant, work together with classroom teachers and educational assistants to support your child's learning and development.

One of the most important things you can do to help your child succeed in school is to get involved!

We welcome parent involvement in Kindergarten & throughout your child's education in our schools ~ sign up for classroom help, volunteer for special days and celebrations, be an active member in your school's Parent/School Councils.

WE OFFER FREE TRANSPORTATION FOR KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS, REGISTER TODAY!

If you require bus transportation, please register with your school or feel free to contact our Transportation Services Department at 1.800.723.2564 to learn more about registration. We also encourage you to sign up online to receive up-to-date notices on school bus route changes and/or cancellations on your child's bus route at our website www.gypsd.ca.





SEE YOU IN SEPTEMBER!

For more information about our Kindergarten programs and all the great initiatives in place at Grande Yellowhead Public Schools, please contact us:

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